

### REMARKS

The present application is U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/035,413. This 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to receipt of the first Office Action. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Attached as Appendix A is the marked-up version showing the amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment and to examine the pending claims. The Examiner is respectfully urged to consider the claimed invention at the earliest time possible and issue a favorable action indicating the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number given below.

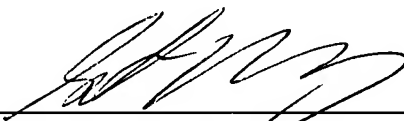
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## APPENDIX A

[0001] This application claims priority from commonly owned U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/273,190 entitled “HTML – Based Applications for Support of Complex Transactions,” filed March 2, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_316,773, entitled “Meta Language Control of Complex Network Applications,” filed August 31, 2001. The disclosures of these two provisional patent applications are incorporated herein by reference.

[0002] This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_10/040,397, entitled “Customization of Tab-order Functionality in Internet Applications,” co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_10/041,034, entitled “Customization of Client-Server Interaction in an Internet Application,” co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_10/041,015, entitled “Customization of User Interface Presentation in an Internet Application User Interface,” co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/165,623, entitled “System and Method for Automatic Generation of HTML Based Interfaces Including Alternative Layout Modes,” and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_10/040,396, entitled “System and Method for Searching Data Partially Displayed on a User Interface.”